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In re Application of

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Title: GLYCOPROTEINS HAVING LIPID
MOBILISING PROPERTIES AND
THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS
THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-30, adding in lieu thereof:

31. (New) A biologically active lipid mobilizing agent for use in therapy which has an apparent molecular mass M_r as determined by gel exclusion chromatography greater than 6.0 kDa, which is capable of inducing lipolysis in mammalian adipocytes, and which has the properties and characteristics of a Zn- α_2 -glycoprotein.

32. (New) A purified biologically active lipid mobilizing agent as claimed in claim 31 for use in therapy which is substantially free of proteolytic activity and which